

FRANCE NOW READY FOR RUSSIAN TRADE

Leguys Admits Soviet Government Is Actually in Operation—Will Lift Blockade

REPUDIATES GEN. WRANGEL

Paris, Nov. 26.—Suppression of the blockade of Russia is favored by Premier Leguys, he told the committee on foreign relations of the Chamber of Deputies Wednesday night. Inasmuch as the Soviet Government is actually in operation, he declared, it has been decided to permit French traders and manufacturers to do all the business they can with Russia.

In addition, says Marcel Cachin, who is a member of the committee and who has written an account of the premier's statement for the newspaper Humanite, M. Leguys said he was arranging to encourage trade with Russia.

Discussing the recent defeat of General Wrangel, the premier asserted he considered that France was released of all engagements toward him, that France was now feeding Wrangel's army out of humanity, but would continue

this work no longer than necessary. The premier said he was not thinking of using the remnant of the Wrangel army in any way and, incidentally, announced that half of General Wrangel's troops were now in Serbia, where they were being reorganized.

London, Nov. 26.—The Supreme Economic Soviet of Russia, says a Moscow wireless message, yesterday, issued a decree pointing out the general principles on which foreign capitalists will be permitted to exploit the natural riches of Russia.

The Soviet Government has received requests from foreign capitalists to afford such rights, the message states, and Soviet Russia requires offers of experienced forces and large material means in order to create within the boundaries of Russia an inexhaustible source of raw materials for manufacture on the spot and abroad. A new law permits foreign capitalists to work the natural riches of Russia, the message declares, reserving in return the right to export abroad a portion of their production.

The Soviet government promises foreign capitalists that nothing they invest in undertakings in Russia shall be nationalized, confiscated or requisitioned.

Riga, Nov. 26.—(By A. P.)—Although peace negotiations between representatives of Soviet Russia and Poland are proceeding here, word has been received that the Soviet Government has accepted the Polish Red Cross delegation in Moscow.

It is also reported from Moscow that large Red army contingents have been

summoned to Smolensk and stationed on the Dvina river.

It is said here that the Russians do not believe in peace with Poland. M. Joffe, head of the Bolshevik commission, is credited with having declared that if peace were concluded it would last only three months. It is alleged that in the negotiations, which are behind closed doors, he is using all means to protract the proceedings.

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Greenwich, Conn., Nov. 26.—The funeral of E. C. Benedict, broker and yachtsman, who died Tuesday night, was held from his late home at Indian

harbor yesterday. The Rev. Dr. Frank A. Hosmer officiated and hymns were sung by the Mendelssohn Club of New York. A large company of friends and former associates of the late commodore, including officials of yacht clubs and brokers and bankers from New York, attended the funeral.

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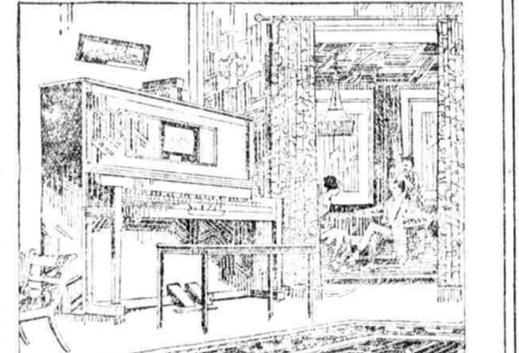
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